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"BUSINESS FIRST" MARKS OPENING OF NINTH LEGISLATURE

Both Houses Organize Rapidly,
With C. F. Chillingworth
Senate President and H. L.
Holstein House Speaker;
Important Bills Begin to
Come In; Many Tourists See
Lawmakers at Close Range

Getting down to business on the first day and in the first hour, the ninth territorial legislature this morning opened its sessions in the Capitol and began its 60-day term in a spirit of efficiency.

There were flowers—horticultural and verbal—around both the senate and the house chambers, and there were the usual preliminaries of organization, but neither house delayed in settling itself for the serious and important business of making laws for the people of the territory.

At two minutes after 10 o'clock the house went into session. A minute later the senate was called to order. With this minute margin, H. L. Holstein, speaker of the house, had his usual smile of quiet triumph, for if there is anything which the veteran "Link" likes, it is for the chamber over which he presides to "beat the senate to it" on legislative business.

Large galleries of visitors were present in both houses. The usual motley throng of curiosity-seekers from downtown, politicians looking for jobs for themselves or their constituents, clerks and stenographers, incipient lobbyists and "has-beens" in the lobbyist line, gathered to view the formal preliminaries of organization.

Both houses went to work quietly. There were no fireworks and no fuss. Speaker of the house and president of the senate had been settled beforehand—H. L. Holstein of Hawaii for one and Charles F. Chillingworth of Oahu for the other. Committee chairmanships and places, and the employed officers of both houses, had been determined in caucus. Smooth working and noiseless, the Republican party program began the work which will rule through most of the 60 days—with occasionally brief displays of "irregularity"—perhaps.

In both houses important measures began to show up early, though by tacit agreement in many cases, numbers of bills were held back to avoid flooding the opening day.

In the senate Senator Chillingworth's drastic prohibition bill, and a concurrent resolution offered by Senator Pacheco of Oahu endorsing the president's stand against German "unrestricted" naval warfare were among the features. Both naturally so over for consideration. Senator Shingle of Oahu notified the senate that he will introduce a bill appropriating \$40,000 for the expenses of the proposed congressional party visit in March and April.

In the house one of the most important measures was that of the proposed city charter, the result of the charter convention's work in 1915. Lorrin Andrews, one of those who supported the majority in adopting this proposed charter in 1915, and now a Oahu representative, introduced the bill.

Already this seems likely to be the center of a lively fight and there are predictions it will never pass the sen-

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THOUSANDS DIE IN RUMANIA DISASTER

[Associated Press by Cable]
BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 21.—Approximately 2000 people were killed and injured in a terrible railroad accident at Chirchura, in northern Rumania, according to the Russian paper Ruskoye Slovo, as quoted by the Overseas News Agency. Another report says that 5000 people were killed instantly when fire broke out in ammunition carried on the train and the cars with the munitions exploded.

It is declared that a horrible panic ensued in which men and women fought like wild beasts. The train was carrying a great load of Rumanian refugees.

POINTED FACTS ABOUT MILITARY PARADE TOMORROW

The military parade will start promptly tomorrow morning at 9:30 from near Ala Park, with the head of the marching column on King street. The parade will pass along King street from River to Kapiolani street, where it will be dismissed. Governor L. E. Pinkham is to review the parade from a reviewing stand at the Palace square, facing King street. Bleachers for spectators will be erected at the Palace grounds.

ROMANCE OF OLD HAWAII TOLD IN PAGEANT

Love-Story of Ancient Court Today's Carnival Feature

Leading figures in today's Hawaiian Pageant at Kapiolani park. On extreme left is the King of Oahu, as portrayed by John Spencer. Next to him is the hero of the pageant, the young Prince Iwikaukaua-makauili, royal son of the Island of Hawaii about 1790, as he came seeking the hand of an island princess. David Simeona of the Kamehameha School for Boys portrays the prince. Beside the youthful lover is his tall bodyguard in traditional costume. At the extreme left are the Princess Keliikolani (Mrs. Keopuulani Kali) and her bodyguard.



IMPORTANT NEEDS OF GOVERNMENT ARE POINTED OUT

Governor's Message to Legis-
lature Favors Liquor Restriction,
Praises Schools and
Slaps Survey; Will Treat of
Military Later

"You must legislate for the most diverse community within the borders of the United States. You need to study and legislate as statesmen, not as politicians."

With this word of advice, Governor Pinkham today concluded his message to the 1917 legislature, both houses of which met in joint session to receive him. The message is printed in full in another part of this paper.

Bearing here and there touches of irony and flashes of humor to punctuate the more serious facts which its author attempts to bring out, the document is being studied with interest by the territorial law makers.

Message on Military Later
One of the first matters taken up in the message is the military department comprising the National Guard and territorial militia, so closely interwoven with the War Department, that the governor suggests it requires deep consideration on the part of the legislature. It will be treated in a special message.

Larger Fund For Entertaining
The message touches upon the need of entertainment for those world travelers who touch here, the cross-roads of the Pacific. The governor hints broadly that the entertainment fund should be increased, adding, "it would be bad form to advise you as to this fund."

Wants Bigger Contingent Fund
It is recommended that the contingent fund be increased from \$50,000 to \$150,000, that the government may "combat such vital unforeseen events and situations" as may arise during the periods when the legislature is not in session.

Following this the report goes into detail, stating the expenditures from different appropriations. Due consid-

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VILLA RAIDERS MENACE MEXICAN BORDER TOWNS

[Associated Press by Cable]
YUMA, Ariz., Feb. 21.—More than 100 of Villa's cavalrmen are now encamped near the border, 25 miles south of here, according to news brought in today. A company of the 14th Infantry has established a patrol opposite the camp. It is reported that the Mexicans are planning a raid on Sonora towns near the border.

Late News At A Glance

PROHIBITION MEASURE ADVANCES IN CONGRESS
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—The senate "bone-dry" bill, prohibiting shipments of liquors into states having prohibition laws, was accepted by the house today, 321 to 72.

COLOMBIA TREATY HELD UP BY REPUBLICANS
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—The senate committee on foreign relations determined today that the treaty to compensate Colombia for the Panama Canal would not be ratified at this session. Republicans refused to yield in their opposition.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING BILL FOR CONGRESS
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—After a conference with President Wilson today, Secretary of War Baker said that he is sending to Congress this week the universal military training bill drawn by the general staff, army. Secretary Baker would not say what recommendation will be made in referring the bill to Congress, but it is understood the president favors it if it is worked out in a practical way.

U. S. ADMITS ERROR IN EXCLUDING MANILA HINDUS
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—The department of justice today notified Timothy Healy, attorney here, that it would file on March 6 with the supreme court a "confession of error" in the stand taken four years ago when 22 Hindus on arrival here were ordered deported. They arrived from Manila and the U. S. officials held they had no right to enter. This latest move will end the case.

HARBOR BOARD DISCUSSES ALLOWANCES
The board of harbor commissioners, at the meeting this afternoon is still discussing the question of whether they shall pay the Lord-Young Engineering Company \$27,000 for extra work on Piers 3, 5, and 10 or \$1100 more than that as recommended by Chairman Forbes, McCarty and Wakefield believe that the matter should be settled at once. The board decided to pay the lesser amount.

FARM LOAN BILL TO BE INTRODUCED TODAY
Representative Norman K. Lyman said this afternoon that before the close of today's session he would introduce a farm loan bill providing for the establishment of a farm loan board and fixing its duties and powers, providing that loans be secured by a mortgage on livestock and chattels and a lien on growing crops. The territory is to bear the expenses of the board and loans to be repaid on an amortization plan with interest at 6 per cent.

WOULD DROP CRUSADE AGAINST VICE
At the meeting of the members of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon W. H. Meinerny again objected to the chamber continuing its anti-vice crusade, saying that it should drop the entire matter as he did not think it right to have the city's immoral condition presented to the world. W. R. Farrington took the other side as he said he believed every person in Honolulu should know about the conditions as they exist. This occurred following the reading of the minutes. Discussion of garnishee laws and discharge of city employees who do not pay debts followed.

LET THE WORKERS VOTE TODAY!

Businessmen of Honolulu, you are urgently requested to allow employees an hour or two hours this afternoon to go to the polls and vote on the bond issue.
This is a vital day in Honolulu improvements. On account of press of business, many firms, it was reported this morning, would keep their employees until 5 o'clock—too late to vote.
By all means they should be given a chance at 3:30 or 4 to quit work and go to the polls. A large vote should be gotten out, but this cannot be done unless the business houses give the fullest cooperation.

Mothers Crying For Food; Big Railroads Tied Up For Freight

Congestion of Rail Traffic Be-
comes Acute; Chicago Board
of Trade Demands Embargo

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WILL DO HONOR TO GEN. FUNSTON

Army Generals and Civic Officials to Join in Respects
to Dead Heroes

[Associated Press by Cable]
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 21.—High military and civilian honors will be paid the late Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston at the funeral here which will follow the arrival of the body from San Antonio.
Honorary pallbearers named today include Admiral William F. Fullam, Brig.-Gen. W. L. Sibert, Robert K. Evans and Oscar F. Long, retired, Brig.-Gen. J. P. Wiser and Col. Benjamin Alvord.
It is expected that Governor Hiram Johnson, Mayor Rolph and other civic officials of the state and city will attend the services as a formal mark of respect to the dead hero. The body will lie in state in the rotunda of the city hall and at the public view thousands will pass before the flag-draped bier. A special guard of soldiers and police will be one of the ceremonies of honor.
EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 21.—Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, U. S. army, telegraphed a message to Gen. Pershing today appointing the late commander of the American troops on the punitive expedition to succeed Gen. Funston as commander of the Southern department.

BRITISH NAVY NOW
TIGHTENS "IRON RING"
AROUND TEUTON PEOPLES

[Associated Press by Cable]
LONDON, England, Feb. 21.—The official gazette today contains an "order in council" tightening the Allied naval blockade around countries with which England is warring as a result of the German submarine blockade.
LONDON, England, Feb. 21.—Official announcement was made today that the English port of Plymouth has been closed to all ships except those of the Allies.

LONDON, England, Feb. 21.—The sailing vessel Centurian and the steamer Brigade were sunk in the war zone today according to a despatch to Lloyd's agency.

SCORE OF U. S. CONSULS
ALLOWED NOW TO LEAVE
GERMANY; GO TO BERNE

[Associated Press by Cable]
ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 21.—A score of United States consuls arrived here today after waiting for a week for permission from the government at Berlin to leave Germany. They will go to Berne, awaiting instructions from the U. S. state department.
House resolution 3, by Representative Tamm, fixed the salaries of the house officers as follows: Clerk, \$15 a day; assistant clerk, \$10 a day; sergeant-at-arms, \$6 a day; messenger, \$5 a day; janitor, \$4 a day; chaplain, \$250 for the session.

FREE U. S. SEAMEN, IS DEMAND AGAIN MADE ON BERLIN

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Congress for More Author-
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Many Vessels Sunk, Claims Berlin Now

[Associated Press by Cable]
BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 21.—Many hostile vessels, including an Italian transport crowded with troops, have been sunk in the "barred zone" from which Germany has warned shipping, on penalty of immediate attack without warning by submarines.
It is stated that in the "war zone" of the Mediterranean a large number of vessels have been sunk in a few days, says the Overseas News Agency. Among those sent to the bottom were two armed vessels, and carrying important cargoes for London, the Italian steamer Oceano and the French steamer Mont Ventoux. The sailing ship Aphrodite has also been sunk.